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SUBJ: POSSIBLE CHANGES IN THAI GOVERNMENT

REF: BANGKOK 24714 (NOTAL)

1. AS OF 1600 (LOCAL TIME) OCT 20 SITUATION DESCRIBED IN REFTEL HAS NOT RPT NOT CHANGED ON SURFACE AS NO RPT NO CHANGE IN THANIN CABINET HAS OCCURRED, ALTHOUGH RUMORS OF CHANGES AND OF MEETINGS LIKELY TO PRODUCE CHANGES ARE INCREASINGLY WIDESPREAD. SENIOR THAI MILITARY OFFICER HAS INDICATED THAT COMPROMISE MIGHT BE ARRANGED WHICH WOULD INVOLVE DROPPING MINISTER OF INTERIOR SAMAK, MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS LOESAK SOMBATSIRI, AND MINISTER IN PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE, DISIT SIRIWAN. HOWEVER, OTHER AND CONTRADICTORY REPORTS ARE ALSO CIRCULATING, INDICATING THAT THANIN AND WHOLE CABINET ARE ABOUT TO BE REMOVED.

2. AFTERNOON OF OCT 20 DUSIT SIRIWAN TOLD PRESS, IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION, THAT GOVERNMENT IS ACTING NORMALLY AND THAT NO RPT NO CHANGES HAVE BEEN MADE. ARMA IS REPORTING THROUGH MILITARY CHANNELS THAT THAI ARMY IS ON 100 PERCENT ALERT.

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3. COMMENT: A SENSE OF IMPENDING CHANGE IS NOW PERVASIVE, AND SPECULATION ON DETAILS AND TIMING ARE RIFE. THANIN IS CLEARLY MANEUVERING TO AVOID REMOVAL, AND THERE APPEARS TO BE CONSIDERABLE UNCERTAINTY IN MILITARY CIRCLES ON WHAT THE NEXT STEPS SHOULD BE. WE WOULD NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT LIKELY EARLY DEMISE OF THE THANIN GOVERNMENT IS

NOT RPT NOT SUSCITATING ANY LAST MINUTE SUPPORT FOR IT.
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